

Serenade to President Lincoln.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—A large crowd assembled at the Executive Mansion to-night on the occasion of the serenade to President Lincoln. Having been cheered and called for, he appeared at an upper window and spoke as follows:

FELLOW CITIZENS:—I appear before you to do little more than acknowledge the courtesy you pay me, and to thank you for it. I have not been distinctly informed why it is that on this occasion you appear to do me this honor. I suppose.—[An interruption here occurred.] It's because of the proclamation. [Cries of "Good" and applause.] I was about to say, I suppose I understand it. [Laughter, and voices, "That you do." "You thoroughly understand it."]

What I did, I did after full deliberation and under a very heavy and solemn sense of responsibility. [Cries of "Good," "God bless you," and applause.] I can only trust in God that I have made no mistake. [Cries of "No—all right," "you've made no mistake yet," "go ahead," "you're right." "I shall make no attempt on this occasion to sustain what I have done or said by any comment. [Voices.—"That's unnecessary," "we understand it."]

It's now for the country and the world to pass judgment on it, and may be take action upon it. I will say no more upon this subject. In my position I am environed with difficulties.—[A voice.—"That's so."] Yet they are scarcely so great as the difficulties of those who, upon the battle field, are endeavoring to purchase with their blood and lives the future happiness and prosperity of this country. [Applause, long continued.] Let us never forget them.—

On the 14th and 17th days of this present month there have been battles bravely, skillfully, and successfully, fought. [Applause.] We do not yet know the particulars. Let us be sure that in giving praise to particular individuals, we do no injustice to others. I only ask you, at the conclusion of these few remarks, to give three hearty cheers to all good and brave officers and men who fought these successful battles.

Cheer after cheer was given, when the President bade the crowd good-night and withdrew.

According to the Confederate account published in the Richmond Enquirer, the great object of Gen. Lee was to arrest the progress of Gen. McClellan, until the capture of Harper's Ferry was completed, and that he was successful in effecting this object. It is confirmed, by these accounts, that the sharp action of Sunday, September 14, was with a rear guard of the enemy, consisting principally of Gen. D. H. Hill's division, to which was added the cavalry of Gen. Stuart, which had been the last of the Confederate army on the whole route from Frederick. Gen. Longstreet participated in the action of Sunday only to the extent of arriving in season to cover the division of Gen. Hill.

From Buffalo, N. Y., we are told by telegraph "that the case of the Rev. Judson C. Benedict was brought before Judge Hall this morning, in pursuance of adjournment. The Marshal and District Attorney declined to appear. Judge Hall directed that the prisoner be discharged from custody. Mr. Benedict left the Court room, and having reached the sidewalk, was re-arrested by Marshal Chase and conveyed to the fort. The arrest to-day was, we are informed, made in pursuance of instructions from the War Department."

The drafting orders for the State of New York have been issued. There being some 41,000 men less the required quota, a draft will take place in that State on the 19th of October next.

Yesterday, Mr. G. H. C. Rowe, of Fredericksburg, a prisoner, (who was seized by the Union authorities, and with others held as a hostage for the release of Union citizens,) returned from Richmond, whither he went on parole, to effect an exchange of prisoners on both sides. Gen. Wadsworth has exerted himself for two months past for this accomplishment. Mr. Rowe is accompanied by the following Union citizens, some of whom have been held in Richmond eleven months: Chas. Williams, Meses Morrison and Thos Morrison, of Fredericksburg; Abram Van Doren, Peter Couse, Squire Ralston and A. M. Picket, of Spottsylvania; B. W. Wardwell, of Richmond; George Bayliss, of Fairfax; Ezra Breeden, of Greene; John C. Gillen, of Greenbrier; E. S. Baker and Christopher Bolton, of Richmond; J. H. Keagy, of Rockingham; F. Boggs, of Pocahontas; E. Bush, of Fairfax; Benj. F. Humphreys, of Richmond; Zachariah Bremner, of Spottsylvania; J. T. Pritchard, of Richmond; Samuel Holden, Fairfax; Richard Hillyan, of Spottsylvania; J. Thury, of the Peninsula; R. Fuller of Cabell; Rev. Henry W. Reed, of Philadelphia; G. W. Sanford, Thomas Shackelford and Robert Cross, Washington; G. H. C. Rowe, of Fredericksburg. A. P. Carusi, of Maryland, was also discharged under the terms of the exchange on parole but declined to return with the rest. The Confederate prisoners held, for whom the persons named above were exchanged, were to start for a point within the Confederate lines.

The Richmond Enquirer of the 20th inst. says:—Bridges have been rebuilt over the Rapid-Ann and Cedar creek, and the cars on the Orange and Alexandria railroad have passed over them. The rebuilding of the bridge over the Rappahannock, was about being commenced.

The Dry Goods trade in New York is somewhat irregular and unsettled. The jobbers are doing quite an active business, but the commission houses are not so busy, owing to the extreme rates demanded for all descriptions of domestic manufactured cotton and woolen goods.

From an advertisement of the Confederate Ordnance Department in the Richmond Whig we learn that "all preparations for Gen. Floyd's army are being concentrated at Lynchburg." It would seem from this that Gen. Floyd is making extensive preparations for work in Western Virginia.

Capt. Benjamin P. Walker, commissary of subsistence in the volunteer service is dismissed for habitual absence from his post and gross and wilful neglect of duty.

The iron-clad steam frigate "New Ironsides" was to sail from New York on Tuesday. She has a full cargo of provisions and ammunition on board, and is evidently intended to make a cruise of short duration. She is commanded by Capt. Turner. Her destination is unknown.

The report that a considerable number of the Pennsylvania militia refused to march out of their own state, is confirmed. The recusants were ordered home.

MARRIED.

On the 20th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Sipes, Mr. EDWARD TAPSCO, of Washington, to Miss ELLEN D. MASON, of Fairfax county, Va.

In Washington, September 23, by the Rev. J. W. Hoover, Mr. NICHOLAS W. JONES, to Miss EMMA J. GARRISON, of Stafford county, Va.

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